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FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: EAID, LE

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE FOR THE PORT OF BEIRUT

- 1. FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTROS TELEPHONED ME MORNING JAN 25 TO ASK WHAT ASSISTANCE, IF ANY, USG WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE FOR THE PORT OF BEIRUT. I REPLIED THAT THIS WAS HIGH ON OUR LIST OF PRIORITIES AND HAD BEEN CLOSELY EXAMINED BY AID TEAM DURING ITS RECENT VISIT. HOWEVER, AID TEAM WAS NOW DRAFTING ITS REPORT AND I DID NOT YET KNOW ITS PRECISE RECOMMENDATIONS OR WHAT USG DECISION ON THIS ITEM WOULD BE. BOUTROS ASKED THAT I ATTEMPT TO GET AN ANSWER FOR HIM ON THIS WITHIN 48 HOURS "SO THAT GOL COULD AVOID UNNECESSARY EXPENSE."
- 2. COMMENT: LOCAL PRESS JAN 24 REPORTED THAT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WAS CONSIDERING AN ADVANCE OF LL20 MILLION TO THE PORT. ALTHOUGH BOUTROS DID NOT SPECIFICALLY REFER TO THIS, GOL NEEDS TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE HOW MUCH AND WHAT KIND OF AID USG WILL PROVIDE FOR THE PORT OF BEIRUT BEFORE GOL COMMITS ITS OWN SCARCE RESOURCES. CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD APPPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT AND AID CAN PROVIDE ASAP.
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